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WHAT DID IT MEAN?

A great variety of interpretations have been placed upon last week's primary elections in Virginia. The interpretations generally reflect the vote of the person doing the interpretating.

We quite agree with the Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch that the disposition of the normal Republican vote was a powerful factor. Virginia has a normal Republican [illegible] is most difficult to measure, it pumps up to 150,000 in presidencial elections, but tapers off to about 50,000 in state and local elections. But last Tuesday saw a bare 10,000 Republicans vote in their party primary. Where were the voters who voted for Dewey last November? Where were those who voted for Thurmond and the Dixiecrats? Answer that and you have the explanation of the election.

THE PAY-OFF

(From New York Daily Mirror)

Said Governor Dewey, urging a pay-as-you-go policy in government: "Back in the 18's a Borough fathers decreed a new road for what is now Central Avenue in the Bronx. It was to be the latest thing—a plank road. The fathers sold bonds for that plank road at seven per cent interest. The plank road rotted away and Central Avenue had to be paved. It probably has been repaved many times since. But today, decades after the plank road is forgotten, the City of New York is still paying seven per cent interest on those bonds and it will continue to pay seven per cent until the bonds are retired in the year 2147!

"That plank road originally cost $390,000. When the last bond is retired, it will have cost the people three million dollars.

THE FIRST RULE OF BUSINESS

(From Eastern Shore News)

"Business does not succeed anywhere unless it operates under the Golden Rule," a noted educator told a Texas audience recently. And he is so right, for history proves that success invariably depends on those homely and oft-discounted virtues—honesty, integrity, fair dealing, and kindly consideration of the other fellow.

We can all recall lives and enterprises that have failed. The usual excuse is, "a victim of ill luck." But in most cases failure was due to the ill will of others.

Cassius stated a great truth when he said: "The fault, dear Brutus, is not in the stars but in ourselves that we are underlings." The divinity that shapes our ends tailors them not to the words of the lip but to the principles of the heart.

FORETASTE

From The New York Times

One needn't be old to know that August brings the end of summer. One merely needs to be alive and sentient. For the trees show it, in their wearied leaves; and the ripe-headed grasses show it, scattering their seeds and falling before the gusty rains. The frantic pace has slackened. Fledglings are on the wing, migration ahead. Robins chatter in the morning but turn quiet in the heat of the day, as though in contemplation of the measured change. Crows are noisy, then almost solemnly silent. The sun rises later.

The heat is still here, summer's heat burned deep into the rocky hills; and the heat will remain, for the earth cools slowly. But the nights are longer, and the slow winds of the valley have time to rustle the hilltop trees, tentatively, a little impatiently. And the cricket and the katydid in the darkness, the cicada in the sunlight, scratch out their songs with a quick, imperative note: "Come, my mate! No summer lasts forever!"

Weeds grow swiftly in the garden. Hoed off, they force new leaves and quickly put forth bud and flower that they may come to seed for another season. Butterfly weed, the orange milkweed, mowed off at the roadside only a few weeks ago, flowers on a short new stem, hurrying toward fruition. Goldenrod and asters lift rank stalks and fatten buds, the very color of autumn just there beneath the lagging petals; the first of them will be in bloom before August is half over. Tomatoes ripen.

One does not have to lie old to know these things. They are a part of every year, for anyone to see. But those who have seen many summers come and go can tell you that they know in August that leaves fall, and frosts come, and then one waits for another summer.

NECKLINES AND MORALS

From Baltimore Evening Sun

When an uncontrollable urge to self-righteousness afflicts an Anglo-Saxon he generally eases the pressure by pointing the finger of scorn at the French. It's a time-honored practice which the French find amusing, if they take any notice at all. But a moralistic blast at Paris fashions enaminating from Hollywood (of all places) adds a new twist to an old routine.

A Hollywood designer has just declaimed that Paris fashions are tending to destroy the morals and morale of American women. The plunging necklines and the scanty French bathing suit must go, she says, and will go. It's just a passing fad. And rising to a fine pitch of fervor, the designer tells us just why the baleful Parisian influence is bound to decline.

It is so, she says, "because we are, basically, a moral race. Women are going to realize once again that concealment is more intriguing to a male than revelation." It is perhaps not quite cricket to inquire whether more covering is coming because American women are of superior virtue or because they are cannier, but it is hard to see how the Hollywood designer can have it both ways.

Our hunch is that necklines will move upward, all right, and that a lot of other changes will take place as well. The changes will come when those wicked Parisian designers sense that the time is ripe for a new, new look. Whereupon women of all degrees of virtue from the Rue de la Paix to Sunset Boulevard will hastily conform.

THE FEMININE TOUCH

(From Wall Street Journal)

It's correct to use paper napkins when
You entertain children or groups of men.
But if you have ladies in for tea
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CANDID COMMENT

(From Wall Street Journal)

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Singing Holidays

Lesson for August 14, 1949

IF A CITIZEN of the U.S.A observed all the holidays that are officially counted as legal, somewhere in his wide country, he would have 43 days off every year. Holidays are a national habit in all countries. Not content with what the law gives us, we take our personal vacations besides. But how many holidays do we sing about? (One might even dare to ask, how many are worth singing about?) In the United States, there are known to this writer no New Year songs, none for Decoration day or Labor day, none for Armistice day, none for the various birthdays celebrated hither and yon. (Who ever heard of a song to commemorate Thomas Jefferson?) We may not even sing on our personal vacations. We are too busy working up a suntan. On the other hand, we could hardly think of Independence day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter without being reminded of the songs that go with them—The Star Spangled Banner or America the Beautiful for the Fourth of July, Now Thank We All Our God in November, and all the Christmas and Easter carols.

Dr. Foreman

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God and Country

IT looks as if some kinds of holidays produce songs and others don't. It appears to be a general rule: If the holiday is specially patriotic or religious, then people sing; otherwise they don't. God and country, in short, arouse emotion and enthusiasm which (for example) the memory even of a great man like Jefferson, or the planting of a tree, does not. This is generally true throughout the world. It was true in ancient Israel, for many of the Psalms are holiday hymns, festival songs. Some years ago a religious denomination issued a new hymn book. One minister roundly denounced the book because it had introduced a few patriotic hymns. "My Country, 'tis of Thee" has no place in public worship, he said.

If that man had been a closer student of the Psalms, he would not have made such a criticism. Most patriotic hymns are really prayers for one's native land; Psalms 105 and 106 are only two of a number of Psalms which are in the best sense of the word patriotic.

If the reader will look through the Psalms for himself, noting all the references to God and to Israel, remembering that Israel was the name of the poet's country, he will be convinced that in those times as in these, love for God and love for country are singable.

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Hallelujah

OUR word "Hallelujah" is Hebrew, and comes from the Psalms. It means "Praise ye the Lord!" Incidentally, it is a religious word, and should not be used as it so often is, irreverently or lightly. Psalms 111-118 in our Bible were sung as a group, and called the Hallel, or the Praise. The Hallel was sung regularly at the three great holiday festivals: Passover (near our Easter time), Pentecost (in early summer, ancestor of our Whitsunday), and Tabernacles (in the fall).

When our Lord had his "Last Supper" he and his friends would sing three very Psalms. The "hymn" they sang before they went out was very probably the latter part of this group, 116-118, always sung at the end of the Passover meal.

The note of praise in these Psalms is very strong. They are not in a minor key.

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Parodies

A SAD FACT today is that the un-Christian world, which does not understand religion at all, has taken over our religious holidays but leaves the religion out. The result is a parody, something without rhyme or reason. Take a look, next winter, at Christmas greeting cards for sale. You will find scotty pups, all sorts of things, more easily than you will find true Christmas messages.

For people who are not Christians, Christmas is only Xmas, a time for exchanging useless presents, a time for shopkeepers to make money.

And as for Easter, there are cities where the big items are only the bunnies and the parade, neither of which has the slightest thing to do with the real Easter.

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Fishing Good In Virginia

FRESH WATER FISHING GOOD IN VIRGINIA

With a long, leisurely season which does not close until September 15, Virginia's mountain areas provide a wonderful opportunity for trout fishermen. Rippling down from the Blue Ridge and Alleghany ranges are some of the most beautiful trout streams of the nation, and they are abundantly stocked with brook and rainbow trout, according to the Virginia Travel Council.

Even after the close of the trout season, these same streams provide angling for smallmouth bass and other species until the weather normally becomes too cold to fish for them in the late fall. In many instances ranges for bass and trout overlap. Trout come down from the tributaries and bass work up from the larger waters. It is not unusual to catch trout and bass from the same pools.

The state stocks 137 of these streams each year with liberal quotas of catchable size trout. Many of these fish run from 18 or 20 inches, and the annual output from the hatcheries will average 12 inches. Equally as liberal stockings of small mouth bass are made in the lower reaches of these streams.

In the late summer and fall, one may find solitude, dear to the hearts of trout and bass anglers. Not that there are not large numbers of fishermen, but the waters are so extensive and so widely distributed that a horde of anglers can be accommodated without getting in each other's way. A majority of the better trout streams are within the George Washington and the Jefferson National Forests, embracing 1,500,000 acres which will always be open to public hunting and fishing.

Those who yearn for wilderness areas may find them in abundance in Virginia mountains, with the added attraction of many of the most beautiful mountain streams in the East. One may frequently observe bear, deer, wild turkeys and grouse, all of which species of native game are becoming more and more abundant.

The man who loves to seek the wilderness trail with angling tackle cannot fail to be lured by the opportunities afforded in Virginia's western area. If he prefers fishing for the warm-weather species, there are 90 ponds and 84 streams annually stocked with bass and the panfish, all of which are open to public fishing. Boats can be rented at a nominal fee.

The Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries at Richmond will furnish mimeographed lists of all waters stocked on request.

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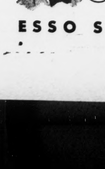

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Concord, August 6.- Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ingo, of Staunton are visiting their son here this week.

Mrs. Stewart Torrence, of Baltimore is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Wood.

Mrs Richard Harvey and daughter, of Long Island, N. Y., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Brinkard.

Mrs P. C. Wharton left this week for Norfolk, where she will visit her two sons.

Miss Phyllis Bolling is visiting in Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Gibson Hobbs Jr., and daughter, of Lynchburg, are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Martin.

Miss Virginia Knight, of Langley Field is spending her vacation at her home here.

Mrs. H. B. Hunter is a patient in Memorial Hospital.

During its lifetime an elephant wears down six successive teeth on each side of the jaw, grinding down a total thickness of nearly a yard of tooth material.

Blaine lost the 1884 presidential election by a margin of only 1,149 votes—the number by which he lost New York State, and thus the electoral college.

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Bighorn Sheep Being Trapped To Save Herds

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.—The Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, normally a carefree animal which asks nothing more of life than a chestful of fresh air and a few simple vittles, is learning that life can be hideous.

The state game and fish department has rigged up a fancy Fu Manchu type trap near here to kidnap the bighorns from the mother herd.

This trap consists of a drop-gate which spans the natural walls of Tarryall canyon, and 100 yards of wire stretched up one canyon wall to a point of concealment. The sheep trot through the gate into the dead end of the canyon, someone yanks the wire and the gate falls behind them.

Next morning the bighorns find themselves a couple of hundred miles upstate, barking their shins on a clutter of unfamiliar rocks, minus many of their dearest relatives, dry-mouthed from the bait of salt that lured them into the drop-gate trap, and probably hating themselves.

For Own Good

Actually it's all for the good of the bighorns, but you can understand their embarrassment.

The game and fish department has "transplanted" some 17 groups from the Tarryall herd, establishing new herds throughout the Rockies in Colorado. The idea is simple. There are about 1,000 sheep in the mother herd near here and the food supply (lichens, leaves and shrubs) runs thin at times.

George W. Jones, the department's sheep-trapping technician, says the job is a ticklish one for several reasons.

"When you spring the trap you don't want more than 17 sheep inside it," he says. "That's about all we can crowd into our truck at one time.

"We try to snare two big, old rams, two young rams, and the rest ewes. That gives you an ideal start on a new herd after the transplanting. The old rams are smart and can keep the herd out of trouble. Then when the old rams lose interest in the ewes, the young ones are beginning to get family ideas."

Court in November

Bighorns do most of their courting in November, in a swirl of snow and sleet and assorted mixtures of both. A really productive ewe drops only one lamb a year.

Because of this unspectacular birthrate among the big cliffy-headed animals, and the fact that they die by the hundreds if denied their normal diet, the state must coddle them. Back in the 30's they lost short on chow, became diseased, and threatened to die out completely. Those that managed to survive looked sickly and clumsy hopping about the rocks.

The state's total bighorn population today is between 4,500 and 5,000, Jones says. His hope is that the transplanting project will be successful enough to warrant a bighorn hunting season in the next decade or so.

Pamplin

Pamplin, Aug. 1.- Sunday guests in the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Black were Mrs. Woodson, of Fluvanna; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bowles and son and G. A. Bowles, of Richmond, Little Jean Bowles, who had been guest of Rev. and Mrs. Black for a week accompanied them home.

Miss Mary Rives Black, who is attending school at the University of North Carolina spent last weekend at her home here.

Miss Ernestine Southall, of Norfolk is spending her vacation with her mother, Mrs. L. M. Southall.

Miss Ernestine Southall, Mrs. Acree Southall, Miss Anne Clark and Billy Watson Southall spent last week-end at Virginia Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Hughes and daughter, of Roanoke were guests of Mrs. R. C. Hughes last week.

The Rev. and Mrs. Frank Harwood, of New Jersey are guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Harwood.

Mrs. Virginia Rosser, of Appomattox was a recent guest of Mrs. C. C. Rosser.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Ligon and children, Tommy and Anne, are spending this week at Buckroe Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Richardson and Mrs. Jones of Appomattox were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Richardson Sunday evening.

Miss Hazel Williams spent last week-end with relatives in Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Davis and baby were week-end guests in the home of Mrs. Davis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne, of Phenix.

Mrs. Carl Evans, of Roanoke, is spending this week in the home of Mrs. C. C. Rosser.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Connaly were week-end guests in the home of Dr. and Mrs. C. H. McCall.

Dr. and Mrs. C. H. McCall and daughter, Nancy Jane Hall, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Connaly were visitors in the home of Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Ponton Sunday.

Miss Peggy Mann, of Richmond was a recent guest of Miss Nancy Jane Hall.

Pamplin, Aug. 6.- Mrs. L.L. Dickerson is visiting her sister, Mrs. Lucy Banton in Lynchburg.

Braxton Dickerson has accepted a position in Norfolk.

The Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Moore and son, Sterling, of Amherst were guests this week of the Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Black.

Miss Anne Clark has returned from a visit with Mrs. P. E. Trower in Norfolk.

Lewis Baldwin is visiting in Baltimore and Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Guthrie and family are visiting in Norfolk.

Colored Dots

Rev. S. E Singleton, pastor of the Zion Baptist and the Morning Star Baptist Churches, who underwent an operation at the University of Virginia Hospital, is improving.

Richard J. Morgan, of Williamson, W. Va., was here visiting his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Davis for a few days. His grandson, Master Freddie D. Lovelace, is accompanying him home for the month of August. Also visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Davis were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morgan and their three children, of Newport News. He is the brother of Mrs. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Marshall, of Baltimore motored here recently. They were accompanied by his sister and children, of Pittsburgh, who will spend the summer here with their father, deacon Charlie Marshall.

Rev. C. A. Marshall is in Freeport, La., where he is conducting a revival service.

Rev. and Mrs. R. Q. Lawing were in Petersburg recently. They were accompanied by Mrs. Roa James, of Pamplin.

Roosevelt Lewis, of Baltimore recently spent the week-end with his father, Mace Lewis.

County Agent G. L. James attended a short coure for Extension workers at Virginia State College.

Southern States Co-op Meeting Held Here

Southern States members in this area, meeting at Appomattox on July 29, heard reports on their cooperative's services for the 1948-49 year, chose members to their local advisory board and Farm Home Advisory Committee, and considered plans and programs for the coming year. The meeting, attended by 330, was sponsored jointly by Southern States Cooperative and Coleman's Feed and Seed Store, Appomattox.

Elected to the advisory board were: J. P. Harvey, of Appomattox and W. T. Nash, of Appomattox. Named to the local Farm Home Advisory Committee were Mrs. R. H. Coleman, of Appomattox, and Mrs. F. J. Nash, of Spout Spring. John W. Gantge, of Appomattox, was chosen to represent the community at the Southern States annual meeting in Richmond next November 17 and 18, with W. T. Nash as alternate.

Following the meeting the Advisory Board elected Clarence F. Moore as chairman for the coming year. The Farm Home Advisory Committee selected Mrs. F. J. Nash as its chairman.

MYF Officers Are Installed

Mrs. S. S. Gilbert, director of youth work in the Lynchburg District, installed the newly elected officers of the Methodist Youth Fellowship July 28 at the Memorial Methodist Church. The officers are as follows:

President, Faye Wood
Vice-pres., Gwendolyn Shufcrd
Secretary, June Hart
Treasurer, Lois Wood
Counsellor, Mrs. Grover Smith
Recreation, Miss Viola Carson.

The site of Oklahoma City was opened for settlement at noon, April 12, 1889, and by night it had a population of 10,000 living in tents, according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica.

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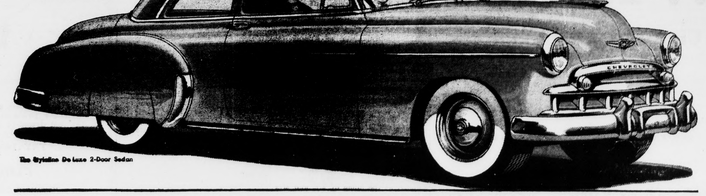

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